

# NOOKSACK/SAMISH – SOUTH FORK NOOKSACK SUMMER STEELHEAD

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## STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

## STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no abundance trend data for South Fork Nooksack summer steelhead, so their status remains **Unknown** in 2002.

## STOCK DEFINITION

South Fork Nookack summer steelhead were identified as a stock based on their early freshwater return timing and distinct spawning distribution.

**SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION:** Spawning is thought to take place mainly upstream from RM 25 and in upper South Fork tributaries such as Wanlick Creek and may also take place throughout the South Fork Nooksack and its tributaries such as Hutchinson Creek.

**SPAWNING TIMING:** Spawning timing is unknown but is thought to occur from February through April.

**GENETIC ANALYSIS:** Allozyme analysis of South Fork Nooksack summer steelhead showed them to be very different from other Nooksack and north Puget Sound steelhead stocks (Phelps et al. 1997).

## STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production.